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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT PDIP LE US ASEC

SUBJECT: U.S. CONDOLENCES ON MURDER OF TONY FRANGIEH

REF: BEIRUT 3269

1. IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKES-  
MAN VOLUNTEERED ON JUNE 13 A STATEMENT DEPLORING THE DEATHS  
AND FIGHTING, AND CALLING ON FACTIONS TO WORK FOR THE UNITY  
OF THE COUNTRY, COUPLED WITH POSSIBILITY THAT ANY FORMAL  
MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE FROM WASHINGTON COULD BE MANIPULATED,  
WE ARE INCLINED NOT TO RECOMMEND A MESSAGE OF THE KIND YOU  
SUGGESTED.

2. WE SUGGEST INDEED THAT, IN YOUR MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCES,  
YOU USE THE PHRASE "ON BEHALF OF THE USG...". IF SECURITY  
AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS PERMIT, AND YOU DECIDE TO PAY A  
CONDOLENCE CALL IN ZGHORTA, YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THEN  
THAT YOU ARE MAKING CONDOLENCES ON BEHALF OF THE USG. DO  
NOT RPT NOT TAKE THIS AUTHORIZATION AS A VEILED INSTRUCTION  
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THAT YOU SHOULD GO TO ZGHORTA. SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS MUST  
BE OVERRIDING AND WE DO NOT WANT YOU TO BE EXPOSED TO RISKS.

3. IF CONDOLENCE BOOK IS OPENED IN BEIRUT, AND SECURITY  
CONDITIONS PERMIT, STATEMENT YOU INSCRIBE IN THE BOOK SHOULD  
AGAIN STATE "ON BEHALF OF THE USG...". CHRISTOPHER

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